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REMARKS

Claims 16-27 are pending in the subject application. Claims 16-24 are allowed. Claims 25-27 are under examination. Applicants have cancelled claims 25-27. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, allowed claims 16-24 will be pending.

Applicants note that the Amendment is being filed to place this application in condition for allowance. Applicants further maintain that the Amendment satisfies the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and M.P.E.P. §714.12, and should therefore be entered.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Examiner rejected claims 25-27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by Hudziak et al. (U.S. Patent Nos. 5,720,937 and 5,772,997; "Hudziak I" and "Hudziak II", respectively).

In response to the Examiner's rejection, but without conceding the correctness thereof, applicants note that claims 25-27 have been cancelled. Thus, the Examiner's rejection of these claims is now moot.

Summary

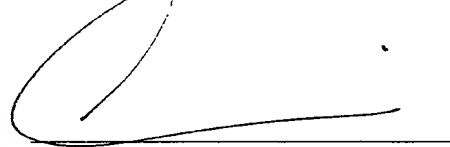
Applicants note that all pending claims, i.e., claims 16-24, are allowed. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

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If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the \$420.00 fee for a two-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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